

**376TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING
MANAS AIR BASE
KYRGYZ REPUBLIC**

Manas Air Base, originally called Ganci Air Base, was activated in December 2001 after Coalition forces deployed to Manas International Airport to begin supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and the International Security Assistance Force after the terrorist attacks against the United States Sept. 11, 2001. The base continues to play an important role in the ongoing operations in Afghanistan, while helping promote regional stability in Central Asia.



MISSION

Manas Air Base is the premier air mobility hub for ISAF and Coalition operations in Afghanistan. The 376th Air Expeditionary Wing's missions include strategic airlift operations, aerial refueling sorties, combat airlift, aeromedical evacuation, and warrior care support for Coalition personnel transiting in and out of Afghanistan.

AIRCRAFT

Coalition aircraft supporting the mission include U.S. KC-135 Stratotankers and C-17 Globemaster IIIs, as well as Spanish C-130s and French C135FRs.

PERSONNEL

The base has approximately 1,200 personnel assigned, including U.S., Spanish, and French forces. Additionally, the base employs more than 650 contract and local personnel to assist with daily operations and to support personnel assigned to and transiting through Manas.

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Manas personnel made a huge difference in the lives of Kyrgyz people through the volunteer efforts from two non-profit organizations; the Manas Air Base Outreach Society (MABOS) and the Manas Service Organization (MSO). During off-duty time, Airmen supported both by visiting and helping at orphanages, schools, elderly foundations and local communities.



Between January and May 2009, MABOS members volunteered nearly 1,700 hours, raised more than \$8,000, and funded 10 life-saving children's heart surgeries. More than 330 Liberandos made 40+ trips to the various locations to serve others and share the American spirit of goodwill. Volunteers delivered donated clothing, school supplies, toys and groceries to those in need. New faucets and light bulbs were installed at a children's cancer center hospital. MSO extends outreach to six villages and nine schools and put in 700+ hours to enhance communities. MSO raised more than \$6,000 to purchase a generator, refrigerator, stove, benches, coat racks and window blinds for schools. Clogged pipes were repaired, a water pump replaced, new doors installed and desks painted. MSO delivered donated school supplies and sports equipment and brought U.S. astronauts and an Air Force band to visit the local schools. Village mayors visited the base for a luncheon, American University of Central Asia students toured the wing and the base kicked off a six-month project to rebuild a 200-person elementary school in Birdik Village. These efforts continued to reaffirm Manas Air Base's commitment to be a good neighbor.



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**Col Chris Bence
Commander**

**CMsGt Kevin
Saltis
Command Chief**



OPERATIONS GROUP

Fueling the fight! The EOG, consisting of the EOSS and the 22nd EARS, enabled 1,016 "impact events" in Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, which included air strikes, low-level Shows of Force and combat air support to aid and protect US and Coalition personnel in contact with the enemy in Afghanistan. The 22nd EARS flew 913 missions during which they refueled nearly 3,000 fighter, bomber, and reconnaissance aircraft with a



total of 47 million pounds of fuel--enough to drive a car around the Earth more than 5500 times and not run out of gas until February 2273! As the only

data-link equipped USAF KC-135 squadron, the 22nd EARS improved the mission-effectiveness rate of the Roll-On-Beyond-line-of-Sight Enhancement (network communications relay system) to support the digital Close Air Support network in Afghanistan. Behind the scenes, the Intelligence Flight disseminated critical threat data to keep crews out of harm's way and the Weather Flight provided mission-essential observations and forecasts during the most

challenging season of the year. Finally, the EOG did all this while manned with Active Duty, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve Airmen. The 12 aircrews of the 22nd EARS, led by staff and crews from Fairchild AFB, Wash., also included Guardsmen from Tennessee's 134th ARW, Pennsylvania's 171st ARW, Nebraska's 155th ARW, and Reservists from the 931st ARG at McConnell AFB, Kan., and the 927th ARW at MacDill AFB, Fla. They succeeded in



their combat mission by working as a single, tightly integrated group of warfighters.

MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

EMSG excelled as a diverse and fully integrated team, identifying, planning and executing the transition of U.S. and Coalition forces into Afghanistan and reaffirmed its "World Class Warrior Care" motto by providing unparalleled support to Coalition personnel transiting through the base in support of ISAF and OEF. The ECES skillfully kept 266

facilities fully mission capable and developed 56 construction projects, worth \$13.72M, ensuring the base's infrastructure continuously evolved with the mission. ECONS oversaw \$8.8M in construction projects, while allocating \$48.8M in service contracts and purchasing \$4M in



supplies and commodities. Our ECS cyber warriors maintained a network uptime rate of 99.82%, closed 1,234 communications trouble tickets, processed 186K lbs of mail, and SATCOM regrooming efforts yielded 3.7 MB of critical satellite bandwidth back to the warfighter in support of ISR UAV missions. The ESFS strengthened installation entry security procedures by ensuring the proper identification and documentation of all Host National employees. This ultimately led to an 80% reduction in processing times at the Visitor Control Center, despite a 3% increase in traffic. EFSS boosted morale by providing 500K+ meals, managing a 24/7 fitness center, and by hosting USO/AFE bands and talent shows to 60K Coalition forces. The ELRS Log Planners deployed 2,862 Airmen to 23 downrange locations and redeployed 2,133 home. Base Supply managed 4.6K line items worth \$8M with a monthly transaction \$10M+. The Aerial Port Flight worked 1,051 missions, handling 2,897 short tons of cargo, expedited 100 short tons of mail, and transported 67,464 passengers and 8M lbs of baggage while POL delivered 168M lbs of fuel. The Vehicle Management Flight oversaw the repair and accountability of a \$44M, 300-vehicle fleet. Finally, the Expeditionary Theater

Distribution Center processed over 2,500 personnel with IBA and CWDE.

MAINTENANCE GROUP

EMXG professionals provided total KC-135R Stratotanker support and mission generation through flight line, back shop, aerospace ground equipment, plans, scheduling and supply personnel. Their combined efforts led to the generation of 913 sorties, completion of over 2,000 inspections and repair of 694 pilot-reported discrepancies while maintaining an impressive 82% eight-hour fix rate. To top it off, the professionals of the EMXG sustained a remarkable 97% logistics departure reliability rate.



Finally, EMXG seamlessly integrated a C-17 ops and maintenance stage into their daily operations that increased OEF logistical support for personnel and cargo movements throughout the Afghanistan AOR.

MEDICAL GROUP

EMDG professionals provided world class healthcare to 40K Coalition personnel during the largest force redistribution in support of Afghanistan operations. During the busiest period to date, its staff treated 5.5K patients with zero mishaps and air-evacuated 14 patients to expedite care and quickly return forces to the fight. EMDG transformed from expeditionary to sustained ops by relocating \$1.1M of inventory to a new warehouse, revamped the Medical Response Contingency Plan to expand capabilities by 20 beds, and ordered \$110K worth of Mass Casualty kits ensuring the AEW is prepared for contingencies.

EMDG launched an agreement with a local Kyrgyz lab, increasing result turn times 143%! Finally, EMDG sponsored a coalition medical symposium, strengthening our efforts to provide



top care to our most precious resource...our
warfighters.